

NOTICE OF BANKRUPTCY JUDGE VACANCY DISTRICT OF COLORADO AT DENVER

The United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Judicial Circuit seeks applications from all highly qualified individuals for a 14-year appointment as United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Colorado at Denver. The basic jurisdiction of a bankruptcy judge is specified in Title 28, United States Code and explained in Title 11, United States Code, as well as in 98 Stat. 344, Pub. L. 98-353, Title I, § 120.

To qualify for appointment an applicant must:

- a) Be a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of at least one state, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and a member in good standing of every other bar of which the applicant is a member.
- b) (1) Possess, and have a reputation for, integrity and good character; (2) possess, and have demonstrated, a commitment to equal justice under the law; (3) possess, and have demonstrated, outstanding legal ability and competence; (4) indicated by demeanor, character, and personality that the applicant would exhibit judicial temperament if appointed; and (5) be of sound physical and mental health sufficient to perform the essential duties of the office.
- c) Not be related by blood or marriage to (1) a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit; (2) a member of the Judicial Council of the Tenth Circuit; or (3) a judge of the district court to be served, within the degrees specified in Section 458 of Title 28, United States Court, at the time of the initial appointment.
- d) Have been engaged in the active practice of law or other suitable law-related occupation for a period of at least five years.

The selection process will be confidential and competitive. The current annual salary is \$142,324. Applicants will be considered without regard to race, color, age, gender, religion, national origin, or disability, unless such disability causes the applicant to be unable to perform the essential duties of the office.

Persons interested in applying may obtain the qualification standards and an application form by either:

- Printing copies from our website at www.ck10.uscourts.gov . Click on “Human Resources” then “Career Opportunities”;
- Requesting copies by calling Human Resources at 303.335.3063 or 303.844.2067;
- Writing Elisabeth A. Shumaker, Circuit Executive, Byron White U.S. Courthouse, 1823 Stout Street, Denver, CO 80257-1823.

In order to be considered, applications must be received in the Office of the Circuit Executive by 5:00 p.m., (Mountain Time), Friday, April 18, 2003. Candidates should draft their own applications. The court will not accept nominations. **PLEASE SUBMIT AN ORIGINAL AND 7 COPIES.**

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QUALIFICATION STANDARDS FOR UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGES

BAR MEMBERSHIP

To be qualified for appointment as United States Bankruptcy Judge, a nominee must be a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of at least one state, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and a member in good standing of every other bar of which the nominee is a member.

EXPERIENCE AS AN ATTORNEY

To be qualified for appointment, unless the court of appeals determines that special conditions exist, a nominee must have engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least five years. The court of appeals may consider as substitute experience for the active practice of law any of the following, or any combination thereof:

- (1) Judge of a state court of record or other state judicial officer;
- (2) United States magistrate judge, referee in bankruptcy, bankruptcy judge, or other federal judicial officer;
- (3) Attorney for federal or state agencies;
- (4) Law clerk to any judge or judicial officer (limited to two years);
- (5) Other legal experience suitable as a substitute in the opinion of a majority of the circuit judges

PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

To be qualified for appointment the nominee must:

- (1) possess, and have a reputation for, integrity and good character;
- (2) possess, and have demonstrated, a commitment to equal justice under law;
- (3) be of sound mental and physical health sufficient to perform the essential duties of the office;
- (4) possess, and have demonstrated, outstanding legal ability and competence; and
- (5) indicate by demeanor, character, and personality that the nominee would exhibit judicial temperament if appointed.

RELATIONSHIP TO JUDGES

At the time of the initial appointment, a nominee must not be related by blood or marriage to a judge of the Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, to a judge who is a member of the Tenth Circuit Judicial Council, or to a judge of the United States District Court in the district where the vacancy is, within the degrees specified in 28 U.S.C. § 458.